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FOR SIMONS FROM SCHMIDT

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. POSSIBLE DEFECTORS. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE CASE OF TWO YOUNG (17 AND 18) ROMANIAN MUSIC STUDENTS - NAMES UNKNOWN - WHO HAVE BEEN OFFERED 4-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC AT ROCHESTER UNIVERSITY. THEY MAY VERY WELL DECIDE TO APPLY FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM OR REFUGEE STATUS IN THE U.S. THESE TWO ROMANIANS, A BOY AND A GIRL, HAVE ROMANIAN PASSPORTS PERMITTING THEM TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES FOR ONLY A SHORT TIME. (WE BELIEVE THAT THEIR ROMANIAN EXIT VISAS HAVE IN FACT EXPIRED AS OF SEPTEMBER 2.) CHARGE BESTELIU CALLED ON ME ON AUGUST 31 TO BRING THE CASE TO OUR ATTENTION AND REQUESTED OUR ASSISTANCE IN ASSURING THAT THE TWO YOUNG STUDENTS RETURN TO ROMANIA. BESTELIU STATED THAT HE HAD TOLD MR. HESS (VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, WHO IS HANDLING THIS CASE ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY) THAT NEITHER THE PARENTS NOR THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAD GIVEN PERMISSION TO THE STUDENTS TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. I POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO ASSIST BUT THAT WE WOULD CONTACT MR. HESS AND DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH HIM. FRANK TUMMINIA SPOKE TO MR. HESS ON SEPTEMBER 7. HESS TOLD HIM THAT THE UNIVERSITY HAD

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SEEN A COPY OF A CABLE FROM THE PARENTS OF THE TWO YOUNG PEOPLE GIVING THEM PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN THE US. MR. HESS, WHO CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH BESTELIU ON SEPTEMBER 2, WAS CONFUSED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT PERMISSION HAD BEEN GRANTED AND WAS RELUCTANT TO FORMALLY ENROLL THE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY UNTIL THE MATTER HAD BEEN CLARIFIED. MR. HESS ALSO INFORMED FRANK THAT THE STUDENTS HAD SENT A CABLE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 2 TO PRESIDENT CEAUS-ESCU, APPEALING TO HIM TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THEM TO REMAIN IN THE US; NO ANSWER HAS BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR. ON SEPTEMBER 8 MR. HESS AGAIN SPOKE TO FRANK AND TOLD HIM THAT THE TWO STUDENTS HAD SPOKEN TO THEIR PARENTS BY PHONE AND HAD BEEN TOLD BY THEM THAT THE DECISION TO REMAIN IN THE U.S. WAS THEIRS TO MAKE. ACCORDING TO HESS, THE TWO STUDENTS ARE NOW CONSIDERING WHETHER THEY SHOULD APPLY FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM AND REMAIN HERE. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON ANY DEVELOPMENTS.

2. RAUTA. YOUR CABLE FOR STRATEGY ON THE RAUTA CASE WAS EXCELLENT. WE WILL DISCUSS IT WITH ALL APPROPRIATE PARTIES AND DETERMINE HOW TO BEST PUT THE STRATEGY INTO EFFECT.

3. VLAD GEORGESCU. WE WILL INFORM AMBASSADOR BARNES AND BILLINGTON OF LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN VLAD GEORGESCU CASE  
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AND KEEP YOU POSTED ON ANY DEVELOPMENTS AT THIS END.

4. DECREE 223. MRS. MUNTIAN, ONE OF THE DECREE 223 CLAIMANTS WHO HAS RECEIVED A NEW OFFER FROM THE ROMANIANS, CALLED US ON SEPTEMBER 7 TO GIVE US HER NEW ADDRESS. SHE NOW LIVES AT 12650 CALIFORNIA STREET, NUMBER 62, IUCAIPA, CALIFORNIA 92399. SHE SAID THAT SHE HAD MAILED HER ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO YOU THREE WEEKS AGO. SHE ASKED HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE BEFORE SHE RECEIVES THE MONEY. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA? CHRISTOPHER

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